

## REMARKS

### Amendments

#### *Amendments to the Claims*

Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 19 and 25 to incorporate the subject matter of originally filed claims 2 and 3. Claims 2 and 3 have been cancelled. Other claims have been amended to clarify the claimed invention.

### Rejections

#### *Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)*

Claims 1-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,513,155 to Alexander, III et al.

Alexander discloses the use of interrupt handler trace hooks to determine whether the program code being interrupted is interpreted code. The trace hooks obtain a program counter for the code, determine whether the counter is within the appropriate address range, and write a trace record by sending the trace information to a trace program.

As amended, Applicants claim predefining a number of counter group templates, each of which comprises a counter associated with an object. In contrast, Alexander discloses only a single counter. Therefore, Alexander does not teach or suggest counter group templates as claimed by Applicants.

Further, Applicants claim a tuple that contains a counter and a performance object. Applicant respectfully reminds the Examiner that terms in a claim must be interpreted according to definitions set forth in the specification [MPEP 2111.01(IV)]. As defined in the specification on page 8, lines 2-3, a tuple is a predefined mapping of performance objects. Alexander does not disclose a tuple that is a predefined mapping of performance objects, which further contains a counter and a performance object. Therefore, Alexander cannot be properly interpreted as teaching or suggesting automatically sampling a counter from a tuple as claimed.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the invention claimed in claims 1 and 4-30 is not anticipated by Alexander under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of the claims.

**Request for Interview**

If the Examiner determines the prompt allowance of these claims could be facilitated by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact Sue Holloway at (408) 720-8300 x3476.

**SUMMARY**

Claims 1 and 4-30 are currently pending. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims.

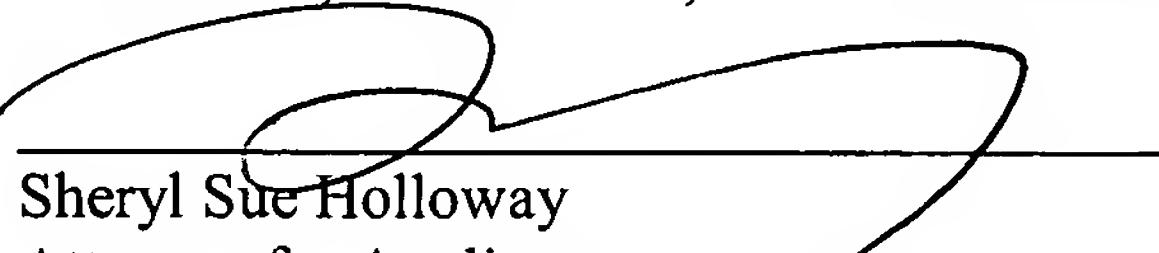
***Deposit Account Authorization***

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicants hereby request such extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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